

TO: District Curriculum and Assessment Coordinators

We are pleased to announce that we have posted a draft unit from the communication arts model-curriculum project at <http://dese.mo.gov/divimprove/curriculum/ModelCurriculum/index.html>. We invite you and your colleagues to give us feedback about this third-grade unit as per the guidelines given in the introductory text. Even though this unit is designed to be implemented at grade three, we hope that administrators and specialists who work with upper grade levels will also give us input, since the basic elements (e.g., teaching strategies, questions for students, assessments) appear in all units.

Note that we would like to receive your comments no later than February 15. Please feel free to contact me, Dr. Wesley Bird (director of curriculum/mathematics consultant), or Cathy Barr (communication arts consultant) if you have questions or concerns about the model-curriculum project.

Thanks for your enduring support of this project and, in advance, for sending your feedback about this unit.

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